

110TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1026

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the “Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 29, 2007

Mr. CHAMBLISS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress finds the following:

5               (1) Charlie Norwood volunteered for service in  
6       the United States Army Dental Corps in a time of  
7       war, providing dental and medical services in the Re-  
8       public of Vietnam in 1968, earning the Combat  
9       Medical Badge and two awards of the Bronze Star.

1           (2) Captain Norwood, under combat conditions,  
2           helped develop the Dental Corps operating proce-  
3           dures, that are now standard, of delivering dentists  
4           to forward-fire bases, and providing dental treat-  
5           ment for military service dogs.

6           (3) Captain Norwood provided dental, emer-  
7           gency medical, and surgical care for United States  
8           personnel, Vietnamese civilians, and prisoners-of-  
9           war.

10          (4) Dr. Norwood provided military dental care  
11          at Fort Gordon, Georgia, following his service in  
12          Vietnam, then provided private-practice dental care  
13          for the next 25 years for patients in the greater Au-  
14          gusta, Georgia, area, including care for military per-  
15          sonnel, retirees, and dependents under Department  
16          of Defense programs and for low-income patients  
17          under Georgia Medicaid.

18          (5) Congressman Norwood, upon being sworn  
19          into the United States House of Representatives in  
20          1995, pursued the advancement of health and dental  
21          care for active duty and retired military personnel  
22          and dependents, and for veterans, through his public  
23          advocacy for strengthened Federal support for mili-  
24          tary and veterans' health care programs and facili-  
25          ties.

1           (6) Congressman Norwood co-authored and  
2           helped pass into law the Keep our Promises to  
3           America's Military Retirees Act, which restored life-  
4           time healthcare benefits to veterans who are military  
5           retirees through the creation of the Department of  
6           Defense TRICARE for Life Program.

7           (7) Congressman Norwood supported and  
8           helped pass into law the Retired Pay Restoration  
9           Act providing relief from the concurrent receipt rule  
10          penalizing disabled veterans who were also military  
11          retirees.

12          (8) Throughout his congressional service from  
13          1995 to 2007, Congressman Norwood repeatedly de-  
14          feated attempts to reduce Federal support for the  
15          Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in  
16          Augusta, Georgia, and succeeded in maintaining and  
17          increasing Federal funding for the center.

18          (9) Congressman Norwood maintained a life  
19          membership in the American Legion, the Veterans of  
20          Foreign Wars, and the Military Order of the World  
21          Wars.

22          (10) Congressman Norwood's role in protecting  
23          and improving military and veteran's health care  
24          was recognized by the Association of the United  
25          States Army through the presentation of the Cocklin

1       Award in 1998, and through his induction into the  
2       Association's Audie Murphy Society in 1999.

3   **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF CHARLIE NORWOOD DEPART-**  
4                   **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CEN-**  
5                   **TER.**

6       (a) DESIGNATION.—The Department of Veterans Af-  
7       fairs Medical Center located at 1 Freedom Way in Au-  
8       gusta, Georgia, shall after the date of the enactment of  
9       this Act be known and designated as the “Charlie Nor-  
10      wood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

11      (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, regula-  
12      tion, map, document, record, or other paper of the United  
13      States to the medical center referred to in subsection (a)  
14      shall be considered to be a reference to the Charlie Nor-  
15      wood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

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